



Early Achievers Level 2 Re-Rating Policy

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Early Achievers Facilities that receive a rated Level 2 having not met the minimum required thresholds on the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) to achieve a Level 3 will qualify for a partial re-rating in the facility's deficiency area(s) ERS and/or CLASS if they have come within a close proximity to the minimum thresholds. Facilities that rated a Level 2 and are within the margin outlined below are eligible for the free re-rating:



Classroom Assessment Scoring System	Early Achievers Minimum Thresholds Level 3 - 5	Early Achievers Re-Rating Margin
Instructional Support	2.0	1.7
Emotional Support/Classroom Management	3.5	3.3
Environment Rating Scale	3.5	3.0

The Level 2 re-rating is free of charge to the facility. Facilities that meet the eligibility requirements for this policy must have their Regional Coordinator request their partial re-rating **four months** prior to their one year rating anniversary date to ensure there is adequate time for the University of Washington data collection team to complete an assessment(s) in the deficiency area and assign a rating.

Your local Child Care Aware agency will help you determine when you should request your partial re-rating based on your initial rating date.

A facility may request a Level 2 re-rating as follows:

1. Your local Child Care Aware agency will provide coaching to help you prepare for your re-rating in your facility's deficiency area.
2. When you and your coach are feeling confident you are ready to re-rate, the Child Care Aware Regional Coordinator will request a re-rating on your behalf, since there is no MERIT application for a partial re-rating.

The partial re-rating will be conducted in the facility area(s) that did not meet minimum thresholds ***only***: Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and/or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessments. No additional facility information will be considered. New Professional Development or documentation to support the Quality Standards Checklist will not be a part of a Level 2 partial re-rating.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does this policy to apply to Head Start/ECEAP pathway sites as well as licensed and licensed/blended?

Yes, this policy applies to all Early Achievers participants.

If my facility does not meet the minimum thresholds for re-rating, can I still apply for a Level 2 re-rating?

No, your facility must meet the minimum thresholds for re-rating (please see above). Facilities that do not meet those thresholds will not be considered for re-rating and will be assigned a Level 2 rating.

Will my facility be able to choose block out dates for re-rating?

Yes, a Community Liaison from the University of Washington will contact you by phone once the Regional Coordinator submits your request for re-rating.

After applying for a re-rating, will I be a part of a rating cohort?

No, only facilities applying for their initial rating and subsequent full ratings will select a rating cohort. Level 2 partial re-ratings and Level 3-4 paid re-ratings completed within the three year rating cycle will be on a rolling basis, and evaluation dates may not align with the cohort model. Initial Ratings will be prioritized before re-ratings.

Will my Level 2 rating be shared publically?

30 days after your rating is released to your facility, your participation status will be displayed in Child Care Check as "Participating in Quality Improvement." During the re-rating process your participation status will remain the same.

Will coaching services continue between the time we request the partial re-rating and when we receive our new rating?

Yes, coaching services will be available to support you during this timeframe.

How will my facility be notified when my new rating is finalized?

The Primary QRIS Contact at your facility will receive an email from the Department of Early Learning, letting you know your new rating is available to view through the Provider Portal.

Will I receive a Quality Improvement Award?

If you achieve a rated Level of 3, 4, or 5, you will receive the Quality Improvement Award 30 to 60 days from the release of your new rating. You will receive this annual award amount based on your re-rating release date.

How long will my new rating be valid?

Your 3 year cycle is based on your initial rating, not the re-rating. Re-rating will not start your 3 year clock over again.

If I want to appeal my initial Level 2 rating, can I still request a re-rating?

Facilities that choose to appeal their Early Achievers rating will not be eligible for the Level 2 re-rating process. Choosing to be re-rated is different from appealing an existing rating due to suspected errors or dispute in calculation. Please refer to the [Early Achievers Rating Appeal Form and FAQ](#) for more detail about the appeal process.

If I re-rate a Level 2 will my coaching services with Child Care Aware continue?

Your coaching supports will not continue but you will be able to access other supports from your local Child Care Aware agency.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

You can contact the QRIS Inbox (gris@del.wa.gov), or your Child Care Aware Regional Coordinator.